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**DARIUS WASHINGTON,
MURDERED BY KKKOPS**

CHICAGO HEIGHTS, IL—Cops are a weapon of the capitalist bosses, using deadly force to control and discipline the working class. It is this standard operation of terror that murdered 24-year-old Black home health aide worker Darius Washington on the night of July 18. During this time of widespread rebellions against capitalist racism, Darius' family and friends are demanding answers and fighting back.

Progressive Labor Party (PLP) knows there is no justice for our class under this murderous system. Workers must fight back whenever and wherever we can, and our only freedom lies in a communist-led revolution and the overthrow of capitalism!

KKKops terrorizing Black workers is the norm

Darius was killed as he reportedly ran from cops raiding a gathering of people. The details remain unclear, but the cops shot Darius at least 14 times. These attacks are a popular tactic with kkkops in Black, Latin, and working-class white neighborhoods. Often, they purposefully torment workers while also directly taking part in and profiting from the drug and crime trades themselves.

Workers in this area of the Chicago suburbs have long been familiar with the constant threat of capitalism and all the corruptions that come with it. In the village of Ford Heights, the local cop force had to be taken over by the Cook County Sheriff's Department in 2008 because of widespread corruption and abuse. In Chicago Heights in 2013, Black worker Rodell Sanders was released from prison after 19 years and exonerated of all charges. He sued the police for framing him for murder and won a settlement of the case three years later (Chicago Tribune, 9/28/16). Too many who come in contact with cops don't live to be proven innocent or even to be charged.

After Darius' family was notified by cops that he was shot in the raid, they could get no further information about his condition. Running

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OUR FIGHT

- ★Progressive Labor Party (PLP) fights to destroy capitalism and the dictatorship of the capitalist class. We organize workers, soldiers and youth into a revolutionary movement for communism.
- ★The dictatorship of the working class — communism—can provide a lasting solution to the disaster that is today’s world for billions of people. This cannot be done through electoral politics, but requires a revolutionary movement and a mass Red Army led by PLP.
- ★Worldwide capitalism, in its relentless drive for profit, inevitably leads to war, fascism, poverty, disease, starvation and environmental destruction. The capitalist class, through its state power — governments, armies, police, schools and culture — maintains a dictatorship over the world’s workers. The capitalist dictatorship supports, and is supported by, the anti-working-class ideologies of racism, sexism, nationalism, individualism and religion.
- ★While the bosses and their mouthpieces claim “communism is dead,” capitalism is the real failure for billions worldwide. Capitalism returned to Russia and China because socialism retained many aspects of the profit system, like wages and privileges. Russia and China did not establish communism.
- ★Communism means working collectively to build a worker-run society. We will abolish work for wages, money and profits. While capitalism needs unemployment, communism needs everyone to contribute and share in society’s benefits and burdens.
- ★Communism means abolishing racism and the concept of “race.” Capitalism uses racism to super-exploit Black, Latin, Asian and indigenous workers, and to divide the entire working class.
- ★Communism means abolishing the special oppression of women— sexism—and divisive gender roles created by the class society.
- ★Communism means abolishing nations and nationalism. One international working class, one world, one Party.
- ★Communism means that the minds of millions of workers must become free from religion’s false promises, unscientific thinking and poisonous ideology. Communism will triumph when the masses of workers can use the science of dialectical materialism to understand, analyze and change the world to meet their needs and aspirations.
- ★Communism means the Party leads every aspect of society. For this to work, millions of workers — eventually everyone — must become communist organizers. Join Us!

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Editorial

U.S., China lurch toward war

As U.S. and Chinese bosses shut down each other’s consulates and jockey to create the first Covid-19 vaccine, the rivalry between the two capitalist superpowers is quickly accelerating toward armed conflict. The world is changing before our eyes. As U.S. rulers expose their disunity and decay in their chaotic response to Covid-19, Chinese rulers are growing bolder by the day—politically, economically, militarily. As modern history shows, a dramatic power shift among the biggest imperialists can be settled only by global war. It’s as inevitable—and unstoppable—as an earthquake.

For the international working class, it is more urgent than ever to organize and fight back against all bosses. Workers have no stake in supporting either side of this power struggle. Led by Progressive Labor Party (PLP), we must turn the guns around. We must transform the capitalist parasites’ imperialist wars into a class war for communist revolution!

On July 21, the Chinese consulate in Houston was closed by the U.S. and accused of medical and scientific espionage. In retaliation, the CCP (Chinese Communist Party) shut down the U.S. embassy in Chengdu. These events followed a series of “conflicts over trade, technology, Hong Kong, spying accusations and complaints of abuses against Chinese Muslims” (Time, 7/25). They point to the end of an era of U.S.-China capitalist cooperation and engagement—and a new period of openly adversarial competition.

The global pandemic, on track to kill millions of workers for the sake of capitalist profits, both raises the stakes and makes war more imminent. Whoever develops the first coronavirus vaccine can use it—or withhold it—to wield enormous geopolitical power (Washington Post, 3/19). At an April World Health Organization conference calling for worldwide cooperation for vaccine development and distribution, both the U.S. and China refused to sign on (Pharmaphorum, 4/27). Under communism—a system built around workers’ needs, not profit and competition—all medical advances would benefit the entire working class.

As Lenin pointed out, imperialist war is how imperialist powers redivide their control over the globe. But one thing they can’t control is when the shooting breaks out. World War I was not planned. Against a backdrop of competition between Britain and Germany, along with political volatility in the Balkans, a Serbian nationalist lit the fuse by assassinating the heir to the Austro-Hungarian empire. No one can be certain what will trigger the next world war between China and the U.S. The flashpoints are many: Hong Kong, Taiwan, the South China Sea, cyberspace, and a sharpening trade war, as well as the pandemic. But no matter how it unfolds, the working class will be expected to fight and die to resolve the bosses’ conflicts.

Imploding U.S. imperialism must resort to war

As its global dominance wanes, the U.S. capitalist ruling class is increasingly desperate to hold on to power and profits. Their disastrous mishandling of Covid-19 is an international humiliation. Their economy is in shambles. They’ve been unwilling to sacrifice short-term profits or discipline the likes of Facebook for the imperialist needs of their class. As a result, the U.S. bosses are at a major disadvantage next to China’s extreme discipline, centralized economy, and more full-blown fascism (see back page). The most dangerous superpower is a declining superpower. “The once unthinkable outcome—actual armed conflict between the United States and China—now appears possible for the first time since the end of the Korean War. In other words, we are confronting the prospect of not just a new Cold War, but a hot one as well” (Foreign Affairs, 8/3).

While deranged Donald Trump keeps making things worse by denying the healthcare crisis and pushing for a reckless reopening, the finance capital main wing laid the foundations for where we are today. Democratic Party liberals like New York Gover-

nor Andrew Cuomo led the charge to close hundreds of unprofitable hospitals; ex-president Barack Obama slashed billions from Medicaid and Medicare. Besides leading to thousands of preventable deaths, these anti-worker attacks have laid bare the racist inequalities of the profit system.

Rising Chinese imperialism preparing for war

U.S. decline has opened the door for China to escalate its imperialist aggressions: “In the months since the pandemic first engulfed the world, China’s government has engaged in an unprecedented diplomatic offensive on virtually every foreign policy front” (Foreign Affairs, 7/15). President Xi Jinping’s budding alliance with Iran, a proposed \$400 billion economic and security deal, would defy U.S. sanctions and threaten “U.S. security and energy interests in the Middle East and Eurasia” (forbes.com, 7/17).

Proposed port facilities in Iran would give China a strategic advantage over a critical passageway for much of the world’s oil. After a recent military exercise involving China, Iran, and Russia, Iran’s Navy commander, Hossein Khanzadi, declared that “the era of American invasions in the region is over” (New York Times, 7/11).

China has ramped up their activity in the South China Sea, home to a third of the world’s shipping, food supply for millions, and large reserves of oil and gas. In “recent months.... [T]he Department of Defense voiced concern about the Chinese Navy’s decision to seal off an area around the Paracel Islands to conduct naval exercises” (New York Times, 7/27). The U.S. responded by stepping up its own naval exercises in the contested waters. The close proximity of rival ships increases the odds of military confrontation, a combustible scenario that could spark a wider war.

China is also expanding its nuclear weapons arsenal, with the U.S. expected to respond in kind: “Increased U.S. nuclear force requirements to ensure credible deterrence against China would affect the United States-Russia strategic nuclear balance and threaten to undermine the prospects for further negotiated reductions...China’s nuclear expansion and its refusal to engage in meaningful dialogue will affect stability on multiple levels” (New York Times, 7/29).

Though Beijing’s bosses still use the word “Communist” in their ruling party’s name, the country long ago degenerated into state-run capitalism—a devastating loss for the working class of China and the world. The CCP’s concentration camps for Uighur Muslim workers and their surveillance and repression of protestors mirrors the U.S. rulers’ fascist internment of migrant workers and brutal attacks on anti-racist demonstrators. Workers have no stake in supporting either imperialist power.

We have a world to win

As their contradictions near a breaking point, imperialist war is the only solution for the world’s capitalist rulers. For the international working class, communism is the only solution to end our conflict with the ruling class—to smash the capitalism that bleeds us dry, once and for all. The first two World Wars were followed by the two great communist-led revolutions, in Russia and then in China. But this didn’t happen spontaneously. Decades of struggle and organizing built a fighting working class that could defeat the bosses’ armies. With the international communist leadership of PLP, the workers of the world can turn imperialist war into class war—“the final conflict.” Whenever we fight back against racist and sexist attacks and the rulers’ criminal exploitation, we take important steps toward that day. Whenever we expose the bosses’ nationalism as a murderous tool of our oppressors, we help workers build the international class unity that is more powerful than any imperialist army. Fight for communism! Join Progressive Labor Party!☪

Working class women organize against racist cops

LOS ANGELES, August 4—It has been over eight months since Progressive Labor Party (PLP) joined the weekly fightback of the Flores family after their loved one and our class brother, Alex Flores, was gunned down by the racist Los Angeles Police Department (LAPD) on November 19, 2019. It has been over three months since Daniel Hernandez was murdered on April 22, 2020, by the same LAPD division that racist assassin, LAPD cop Toni McBride, proudly calls “Shootin’ Newton”. It was in fact these consistent weekly fights that led the Flores family and PLP to meet the Hernandez family who happened to be driving by our Friday protest. Since the murder of George Floyd and the national uprisings, these two families are beginning to forge a tighter bond, joining the larger mass demonstrations, and meeting more families who have lost loved ones to killer cops.

The family members, in particular the mothers, are getting to know each other and find comfort in their shared pain, but also in their shared commitment to a lifelong fight against racist police terror. The sister of Alex Flores has developed into a mass leader. She is now attending protests looking to distribute CHALLENGE, along with a flyer about her brother. In her speeches she condemns capitalism and calls for communism.

In a recent speech to hundreds of protesters she connected the murder of her brother to the murder of Vanessa Guillen, the soldier killed at Fort Hood. Vanessa’s life was deemed meaningless by the racist and sexist U.S. military, just like soldiers deployed overseas as cannon fodder. She is organizing social

gatherings of mothers whose loved ones were killed by the police and planning joint actions in support of them as well.

Similarly, the partner of Daniel Hernandez is also bridging ties with the Flores family and other families as well. She and two other young women, with the Hernandez family, are orchestrating chants, delivering militant speeches, and giving leadership in our joint planning meetings. We are currently planning a forum to be held in front of the Newton police station and then a car caravan six miles to the Southeast police station that killed David Flores on April 22, 2019.

Fight racism and sexism! Embrace communism!

The Party’s commitment, consistency, and leadership have won the respect of many. One comrade-leader in particular, a young mother of three and also a high school teacher, is deepening her ties with these young women fighters and is leading a Party study group they are now attending. We have discussed the PLP pamphlet, “Why We Fight for Communism” and now we are on to “Political Economy.” These study groups are multiracial, involve other friends and are discussed in English and Spanish.

The discussions are providing the ideological understanding that racist police terror is inherent to a capitalist system based on racist, sexist exploitation and cannot be reformed away.

We need to organize for communist revolution to end capitalism once and for all.

As the U.S. bosses grapple with reopening the largely underfunded and segregated public schools, it is the teachers, more than 75 percent women workers, that this racist, sexist system relies on to bail them out. Also, three out of four mothers of school-age children are working mothers, and so with schools likely being taught virtually, many families are looking into neighborhood in-home schools, which are almost entirely run by women, particularly Black, Latin, Asian, and immigrant women workers. The bosses continually exploit and endanger half of our class with sexism. But these attacks will continue to result in more working class, women organizers who are becoming the gravediggers of this racist, sexist, capitalist system!

Across this country we are seeing the powerful role of women workers leading this anti-racist fightback. Beginning in Portland, Oregon, and spreading across the U.S., the Wall of Moms is another visible example of mothers putting their bodies and lives on the line for our class. As one mother-fighter put it, “The power of being a mother, whether you have lost a child or not, is that because you are a mother, you’re able to absorb another mother’s pain. That becomes a very powerful chain of resistance. It can’t be penetrated.” Imagine the potential when this becomes a revolutionary communist force! The Flores and Hernandez women fighters exemplify this potential and inspire our Party to continue to fight and learn alongside them, shoulder-to-shoulder. Our class and our Party could not be in better hands. ☸

For Darius, Smash KKKapitalism with Communist Revolution

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into purposeful brick walls when contacting the police and the hospital where he was taken, Darius’ brother checked the morgue. That is when he found him.

Whose streets? Our streets!

Friends and family took to the streets the next night. Young workers, soon joined by an inter-generational group of people from the community, blocked traffic at a busy intersection. Their goals were to bring attention to the killing of their friend, to demand answers from police, and to show their frustration with long-standing abuse and neglect. Led by a comrade who worked in the area, PLP joined protesters in the streets that night. We talked to people in the crowd, bringing solidarity to workers. We said that the only way to stop the racist attacks we face is to fight back and smash this system. They talked to us about how burying loved ones was too common, but they still knew how this was an unnatural reality forced on them. The fol-

lowing day, PLP joined a large showing of Darius’ community for a celebration of his life. We got to know more workers from the area, and encouraged people to talk about their lives under the system, and how they were feeling in the moment. People spoke of knowing that life didn’t have to be this way and knowing that capitalist forces, cops and politicians made violence an everyday reality. They talked about the need to deal with those realities and the desire to change their conditions.

Under capitalism, workers are presented with many ways to unhealthily numb ourselves from the pain caused by the system. It is no wonder that some take these temporary escapes from the real agony of our day-to-day lives. Our message is that committing to tearing down these ruling-class walls with worker unity and solidarity leads us to a more permanent end to this suffering. We fight to destroy this worldwide imperialist system and to bring about a communist reality from which we will no longer need an opiate.

From tragedy to responsibility for our class

None of us are immune from the abuses of this hellish, for-profit system. It is a long-term and worthwhile struggle to build relationships with fellow workers, and together learn to undo the damage of capitalism. We are in this fight against the dictatorship of capitalism together and for the long haul.

We also fight the ruling class and their cop-thugs for the devastation they cause. PLP will be present for these worker-led rebellions, fight side-by-side with people and build genuine relationships. This is the only way to grow the Party for communism and build support for the revolutionary struggles ahead. Attacks from the ruling class must steel our resolve to crush the bosses entirely. Join the PLP and fight to win! ☸



Red ideas rule at counter demo against cop parade

INDIANA, July 23—In a show of antiracist defiance against a pro-cop parade, a multiracial group of working-class fighters along with Progressive Labor Party held a mock funeral procession followed by a “die-in” and a rally against police terror.

The pro-cop parade had been planned in response to the growing movement against racist capitalist violence. The organizer told the press that he wanted to support cops since they were “under stress” from being challenged by the anti-racist movement.

Through endless indoctrination—from neighborhood cop events to cop TV shows and more—the capitalist bosses have convinced many workers that cops are our protectors. In fact, the police of today descend from slave patrols and strike-breakers, and they continue to serve the role of armed enforcers for the bosses to terrorize and stifle the revolutionary potential of Black workers. Through doing so, they keep the entire working class intimidated and divided.

After years of workers struggling to reform them, cops in the U.S. still kill over a thousand people each year. Only a communist revolution, organized and led by the international working class through PLP, can crush capitalism and abolish police terror once and for all.

Raining on cops racist parade

PLP members joined the action with local groups to push back against kkkop propaganda. Dozens of cars lined the street, displaying Black Lives Matter flags and signs with the names of Black workers killed by cops. We drove past the cop parade, honking our horns, facing both hecklers and a few supporters. Our procession, a bold demonstration of antiracist solidarity, ended at the police station. A die-in was held for eight minutes and 46 seconds to symbolize the length of time that a killer cop held his knee on George Floyd’s neck, while a list of names of those killed by police was read aloud.

PLers and friends gave speeches at the rally. One speaker in a local antiracist organization spoke about their experience organizing a march in her small town, explaining that she knew it was not easy. Her group was threatened by local racists who posted online that they would run them over with their cars.

One PL’er took the mic, speaking for her mass



organization and spoke about how antiracist rallies happen in this area more often than people think they do. She said some people needed to see the video of George Floyd’s murder by Minneapolis cops to get out and fight, but some have been fighting for a long time. She told the crowd, “If you weren’t here before, I am glad you are here now.”

She named Rashad Cunningham, Melvin Boul-er and others who were murdered by local cops. She spoke about how Black cops terrorize and kill Black workers the same way white cops do. That’s why in PLP we often lead with the chant, “White cop, Black cop, all the same – Racist murder is the name of the game!”

Linking the fights against capitalism

One PL’er spoke for her mass organization, whose focus has been protesting deportations out of a local airport. She described visiting a migrant shelter and encountering many Black immigrants who would go on to be profiled in the U.S. She explained that the struggles against police terror and deportations are connected, and that members in her organization had fought to expand their group’s focus to systemic racism.

Another PL’er spoke about her experience fighting alongside workers in Minneapolis and being attacked by the klan-in-blue. She spoke about how capitalism needs racism, sexism and ableism

to keep the working class divided so that we do not join in our strength to fight the ruling class. The crowd cheered as she said, “I am talking about communist revolution.”

After her speech, every person at the rally took a copy of CHALLENGE and some asked how they could get involved with the Party.

Committed to communist revolution

The working class, whether in big cities or small towns, is excited to hear PLP’s communist politics against racism and capitalism. Our work in local organizations helps spread our politics. At this event, several speakers were Party comrades and every one spoke about the need to destroy this capitalist system and replace it with a worker-run communist society.

As we saw protests spread across the world following the murder of George Floyd, northwest Indiana had dozens of protests. PLP was there and we made connections and established relationships with antiracist workers with whom we continue to build. When workers see us show up time and again and see us fight against this racist capitalist system, they want to join our fight. The only way we can end police terror and the terrorization of the working class is through communist revolution. Join PLP today!🔥

7th anniversary of Kyam

Multiracial caravan indicts racist profit system

BROOKLYN, NY, July 21 — On the seventh anniversary of the murder of Kyam Livingston, a militant, multiracial, antiracist car caravan rolled down the streets of the Flatbush and East Flatbush neighborhoods of Brooklyn, chanting and indicting this entire racist capitalist system. This system rains murder disproportionately on young Black and Latin women and men like Kyam at the hands of kkkops year after year, and the call to fight back for justice was greeted with cheers and support throughout the route.

The revolutionary communist Progressive Labor Party (PLP) joined the caravan saying that the working class must overthrow this entire capitalist system, and replace it with a communist system that outlaws racism, sexism, imperialism, nationalism, fascism and all the “-isms” that keep capitalism afloat!

Black women lead the fight for justice

The route of the caravan was planned in honor of the memory of Kyam, and also to continue to link her death to two other victims of racist police murder, Shantel Davis and Kimani “Kiki” Gray, who lived nearby. Hundreds of leaflets linking the anniversary of Kyam’s murder to the recent antiracist rebellions against the murders of George Floyd, Breonna Taylor, and so many others were distributed, as well as 150 CHALLENGE newspapers.

Members of the Livingston and Davis families, a mom and a sister, both strong women, helped lead today’s action. They gave leadership side by side with PL’ers who have been strong supporters of these families ever since the racist murders of their loved ones.

Seven years of antiracist struggle

It has been seven years fighting for justice for Kyam. On July 21, 2013, 37 year-old Kyam Livingston was being held in a cell in the kkkops’ Brooklyn Central Booking. As she called out in pain for medical attention, the kkkops ignored her and the others in the cell who began calling out to help her as well. Kyam was murdered by the racist kkkops who ignored her pleas for help, by the racist NYPD who covered it up and suppressed evidence, and by capitalism’s utter indifference for working class lives, especially Black working class women.

Masses of workers in the U.S. and around the world, Black and white, already know “liberty and justice for all” is a sick racist joke. The Black women leaders in this car caravan indicted both the killer kkkops and this racist capitalist system – and they show us a glimpse of the key role of Black women workers’ leadership in taking the fight for justice all the way: for armed communist revolution.

Smash racist police terror with multiracial unity

Capitalism is utterly dependent on racism both politically, to divide and conquer the entire working class, and also economically: to reap untold billions of dollars in racist super-profits. In 1866, militant abolitionist Frederick Douglass wrote a scathing open letter attacking the racist U.S. government: “the hostility between the poor whites and blacks...was incited on both sides by the cunning of the slave masters. Those masters secured their ascendancy over both. They divided both to conquer each.” Racism hurts all workers, and racist oppression exists to support and enhance this racist super-exploitation – and one of the principal means of oppression is racist police terror.

Modern U.S. police were formed out of slave patrols post-Civil War, and today they murder us at a rate of 1,000 workers per year. While, kkkops murder more white workers every year, Black and Latin workers are killed at a disproportionately higher rate. Black workers are murdered more than double the rate of white workers, as well as indigenous workers, given their relatively smaller population following centuries of capitalist genocide.

Racist police terror keeps the entire working class terrorized and intimidated from uniting and

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Antiracist rally: Young reds win over reformism



NEW YORK STATE, July 18— “Shut this racist system down. If we don’t get it, SHUT IT DOWN!” A rally and march of about 150 workers and youth in the Hudson Valley region outside New York City demonstrated the extent to which the murders of George Floyd, Breonna Taylor, and countless others, have angered and roused the masses. A multiracial group of women and men, student and faculty comrades and friends of the revolutionary communist Progressive Labor Party (PLP) turned up at the rally to advocate for communist revolution. Among the PL’ers was a student with years of history and several contacts in the area.

Red ideas greeted by youth at antiracist rally

The rally was organized by a local group called Chester United, a social justice organization with

“Shut this racist system down. If we don’t get it, SHUT IT DOWN!”

Christian influences with a multiracial political base in the area and led mostly by young Black workers. Speakers from their organization included local politicians and others offering various dead-end ideas for fighting racism: voting, buying only from Black capitalist-owned businesses, increased dialogue with the local kkkops, fighting for

Solidarity with Portland

The following Saturday, student and faculty PL’ers and friends attended another mass action in response to the fascist intimidation tactics by the Small Fascist-led Trump administration (see back page). Almost 500 CHALLENGES were sold to the thousands attending in solidarity with workers in Portland, Oregon who have been abducted by secret federal police and held for weeks without charge.

Liberal misleaders once again took the stage attempting to funnel mass outrage into electoral politics for the Big Fascist-led Democrats. One speaker from Movement 4 Black Lives opened his speech with anticommunist messages, stating “Take a look at Eastern European history if you wanna know how bad secret police are” and urged workers to vote, ignoring the masses of Latin migrant workers kidnapped, terrorized and deported under liberal Obama. Our chants calling for international working class solidarity were applauded and picked up and when one of the organizers attempted to drown us out with a mobile wireless speaker, we confronted him, telling him to get lost.

Black “representation” in the bosses’ government, etc. When they opened the floor to everyone, however, Black youth with more militant politics stepped up to share their views.

While some of the group’s misleaders advocated reconciliation and “conversations” with the police, the rally itself began late. The reason? Prior to the rally, local kkkops shut down the roads leading to the rally site, so very few arrived on time— the kkkops claimed it was for “traffic safety” for the rally!

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U.S. rulers’ Holocaust: atomic terror rained on Japan

Seventy-five years ago on August 6, in a monstrous genocidal attack, the U.S. military dropped an atomic bomb on Hiroshima, Japan [and two days later on Nagasaki], slaughtering more than 300,000 innocent civilians in the two cities, plus untold tens of thousands who would die later or suffer the poisonous effects from the radiation unleashed by the two bombs.

The racist U.S. rulers, murdered masses of people in Japan to intimidate their rival, the then socialist Soviet Union. The then floated the lie that the A-Bomb attacks were necessary to “force Japan’s surrender and avoid a U.S. land invasion of Japan involving 1,000,000 U.S. casualties.” All while the U.S. bosses knew full well Japan’s rulers were ready to surrender BEFORE the atomic bombings.

Atomic bombings not necessary to end the war

- The United States Strategic Bombing Survey reported that, “Certainly ...in all probability prior to November 1945, Japan would have surrendered even if the atomic bomb had not been dropped...and even if no invasion had been planned or contemplated. (trumanlibrary.gov, Japan’s Struggle to End the War)
- General (later president) Eisenhower said it was his “belief that Japan was already defeated and that dropping the bomb was completely unnecessary...and no longer mandatory to save American lives.” (Mandate for Change”; 1963)
- General Douglas MacArthur, U.S. Pacific commander, believed the dropping of the bombs was “completely unnecessary from a military point of view.” (The Years of MacArthur; Vol. II)
- The LA Times reported in “The Myths of Hiroshima” (8/5/05) that, “The hard truth is that the atomic bombings were unnecessary. A million lives were not saved. Indeed, McGeorge Bundy, the man who popularized

this figure, later confessed that he had pulled it out of the air to justify the bombings in a 1947 Harper’s Magazine essay that he had ghostwritten for Secretary of War Henry Stimson.”

- On March 9, “100,000 to 200,000 men, women and children died when the U.S. Air Force doused Tokyo with jellied gasoline.... In the months before Hiroshima [conventional] bombs killed up to 500,000 in Japanese cities and left 13 million homeless.” (U.S. News & World Report, 7/13/95)
- By the Spring of 1945, Japan’s entire industrial and military machine had ground to a halt, severing its military’s lifeline.
- By June, U.S. Air Force General LeMay complained that there was nothing left to bomb in Japanese cities except “garbage can targets.” [In fact, Truman’s Secretary of War Stimson told Truman that he was “fearful” that before the A-Bomb was delivered, the U.S. Air Force would have Japan “so bombed out” that the A-Bomb “would not have a fair background to show its strength.”]

So, if not necessary to end the war, why was the bomb dropped?

In May 1945, Soviet leader Josef Stalin had promised U.S. president Truman at the Yalta Conference that the Red Army would enter the war against Japan within three months after the Nazi surrender in Europe, which occurred on May 8, 1945. On August 8, the Soviets swept into Manchuria and were preparing an invasion of Japan. “It was the Soviet Union’s entry into the Pacific war on Aug. 8, two days after the Hiroshima bombing that provided the final ‘shock’ that led to Japan’s capitulation.” (LA Times 8/5/05)

The U.S. ruling class not only wanted to prevent any Soviet participation in peace settlements with Japan but also to use the bombings as a display of U.S. military might, a political warning to the Soviet Union of what awaited it in the post-war

world.

Rather than the last act of World War II, the atomic bombings signaled the U.S. launching of the Cold War.

The U.S. ruling class aims for the driver’s seat vs. the Soviets in post-war world

- Truman’s War Secretary . Stimson, in referring to the Bomb as a “master card,” said, “Let our actions speak for words. The Russians will understand them better than anything else....We have to regain the lead...in a pretty rough and realistic way.... We have coming into action a weapon which will be unique.” (Stimson Diary)
- Atomic bomb scientist Leo Szilard, in a meeting with Truman’s Secretary of State James Byrnes, said: “Mr. Byrnes did not argue that it was necessary to use the bomb... in order to win the war....Mr. Byrnes’s view [was] that our possessing and demonstrating the bomb would make Russia more manageable in Europe.” (Szilard: A Personal History of the Atomic Bomb”; 1949)
- Truman and Byrnes quite plainly used the Bomb primarily to prevent the Soviets from sharing in the occupation of Japan. As Churchill had said about the Bomb, “We now had something in our hands that would redress the balance with the Russians.” (LA Times 8/5/05) In what amounted to an indictment of the liberal Democrat Truman administration, atomic scientist Szilard stated that, “If the Germans had dropped atomic bombs on cities...we would have defined [it]...as a war crime, and we would have sentenced the Germans who were guilty of this crime to death at Nuremberg and hanged them.” (Szilard: A Personal History of the Atomic Bomb”; 1949)

It remains the historic task of the international working class to smash the most murderous war criminals the world has ever known.✊

LETTERS

We encourage all CHALLENGE readers to send in letters and articles about their experiences fighting the bosses worldwide.



I am not your ally

I am a comrade, not an ally.

It has now been just over two months since George Floyd was murdered in Minneapolis and workers militantly took the streets. As demonstrations erupted worldwide, racism and anti-racist fightback were thrust into mainstream focus as capitalist bosses made calls for white people to “listen,” “learn,” and most loudly made calls for allyship. White workers were asked to fall back and consider their own guilt before taking to the streets.

This paralysis, however, only serves capitalist structures that benefit from racism and a divided working class.

Fighting racism is a task for all workers and we are better equipped to fight back as a multi-racial, multi-generational, international working class.

I take to the streets with my working-class brothers and sisters because the Party has taught me that this is the only way to shut this racist system down.

While, Black workers are key to revolution and their leadership is instrumental to an international working-class uprising, that leadership does not absolve white workers from joining the front lines.

Hiding behind “white guilt” with messages of “learning and listening” is not enough to fight a racist and capitalist system. Moments of sharp struggle call for all workers to join each other and fight back.

Anti-racism in the hands of the bosses will only be manipulated to keep workers divided. It will make empty declarations rooted in intellectualism that further isolate workers from each other.

Workers learn by doing. Our fightback is strongest when we resist, rebel, and revolt together. Join the working-class in the streets today! Join PLP!

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In response to ‘the summer of smashing racists’

I am writing in response to the article “PLP History: The Summer of Smashing Racists” (CHALLENGE, 8/5). I wanted to expand on the brief summary of PLP’s activity in Boston during the summer of 1975.

The Boston 1975 Summer Project was organized by Progressive Labor Party members working in the Committee Against Racism (CAR). CAR was a campus-oriented group that PLP members helped initiate in 1973. At the time, CAR focused on the fight against racist theories of inferiority being propagated by Nazi professors like Williams Shockley and Arthur Jensen. This racist ideology justified the vile acts of gutter racists like those in Restore Our Alienated Rights (ROAR) in Boston, including white parents physically attacking bussed Black schoolchildren with rocks and bottles.

The multiracial group of 150 mostly student and teacher PLP and CAR members who went to Boston saw with their own eyes what it was like to live in a city held hostage by an aggressive racist movement whose political leaders were ensconced in the City Council and the School Committee and proudly pasted ROAR’s initials on their office windows. Hypocritical liberal politicians, like Mayor Kevin White and Senator Edward Kennedy, had for decades overseen Boston, one of the most segregated cities in the U.S. The liberals built their political machines on the division between Black and white workers there. This divide between the workers allowed Boston’s business elite to reap huge profits.

Throughout that summer, PLP and CAR volunteers circulated an anti-racist petition that called for major improvements in the schools and the indictment of ROAR leaders for racist conspiracy to violate the rights of school children. 35,000 people, white, Black and Latin signed our petition, and over 100 Black,

white and Latin Boston residents joined CAR. ,

CAR’s bullhorn rallies were frequently physically attacked by ROAR goon squads. These attacks followed a familiar pattern. Boston police, who shadowed us all summer, would mysteriously disappear just before the fascists showed up with bats and hockey sticks. When PLP and CAR members fought back, the racists would retreat and the cops would reappear, sometimes arresting some of us on phony charges.

There were also much bigger battles. Hundreds, led by PLP and CAR, desegregated Carson Beach in South Boston (ROAR’s stronghold), which the racists labeled “whites-only”. The gutter racists attacked, throwing rocks and bottles, allowed by the cops who were supposedly there to keep us separated and “protected”. As the battle continued and the PLP and CAR forces were pushed back by the cops, Black nationalists who were behind us attacked our white members. PLP and CAR members fought back, but we were forced to retreat.

Over the course of the summer, there were hundreds of arrests. Two Black members were convicted of assault and spent three months in prison simply for coming to the defense of a white Boston CAR member who was being chased and harassed by ROAR thugs. 75 PLP and CAR members, planning to welcome Black students being bused, were arrested while sitting on buses that were pulled over by the cops.

The collaboration between the cops, politicians, state bosses and ROAR was blatant. The permit for our Monday, August 18, 1975 march concluding the Summer Project was withdrawn by the cops’ top brass (no doubt with City Hall’s approval) on the Friday afternoon before the march. Although the courts were rarely on our side, even this was too much for a Boston judge. He reinstated the permit Monday morning just before the march started. 350 PLP and CAR members marched to Boston City Hall, where thousands of curious Boston residents watched our rally. Scores of them joined CAR on the spot as the rally concluded.

The Boston 1975 Summer Project was an unforgettable three months of sharp struggle and tremendous comradeship between those of us who fought together. It is no exaggeration to say that the summer of struggle in Boston broke the back of ROAR and stopped the growth of overt fascism there. Lastly and most importantly, that summer played an instrumental role in deepening the commitment of scores of young, relatively new PLP members to both the fight against racism and (at that time) the fight for socialism, now communism.

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Beware of liberalism

CHALLENGE has been pointing out correctly that with all of Trump’s fascist garbage spewing — equating him with McCarthyism, named for the anti-communist witch-hunting 1950s senator — the liberals remain the main danger, having established fascism’s foundation in the U.S.

Trump’s actions and traits do resemble those of McCarthy’s — repetitive lying, bullying, outrageous charges, bluster, rambling tirades, personal attacks, egotistical self-praising, you name it. But McCarthy did not create McCarthyism.

“The blame for that rests with...[president] Harry Truman....The witch hunt that McCarthy is identified with was at its worst before he got started.” (The New Yorker, 8/3).

In March 1947, Truman — the Democratic Party’s standard bearer, having become president after being selected by Franklin Roosevelt as his vice-president before FDR’s death — launched the Truman Doctrine aimed at the Soviet Union, initiating the Cold War.

As a teenager I remember how U.S. workers widely admired the communist-led Soviet Union for hav-

ing played the leading role in smashing the Nazis in World War II.

To inflame the U.S. population into anti-communism against its former ally, Truman set up a “loyalty” program to be carried out by the FBI and the Attorney-General, forcing 4,765,795 federal workers to sign an anti-communist oath. Eventually over 500 were fired.

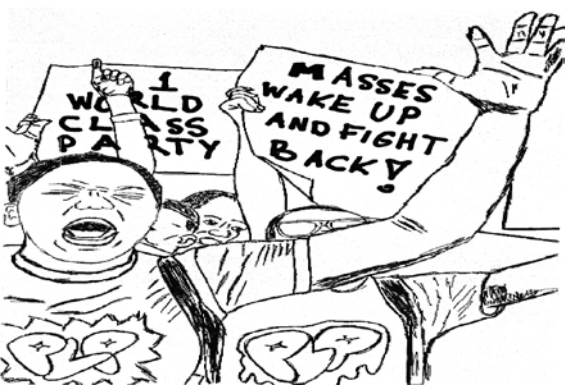
Simultaneously, the Democratic-led Congress established the House Un-American Activities Committee (HUAC) to “investigate” whoever it designated as “subversive.”

This liberal establishment created an anti-communist/anti-Soviet witch-hunt atmosphere years before McCarthy got started. The latter just capitalized on it and used it to become the kind of fascist which Trump now personifies.

(Further case in point: Trump building on former Liberal-in-Chief Barack Obama’s racist Middle East and immigration policies.)

So beware of the liberals. They will pursue any path that fortifies the profit system and attempts to blind the working class against a communist solution to capitalism’s exploitation.

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Non-violence is deadly

In the midst of a nationwide, worldwide anti-racist fight back by protesters against cop and military terror, the capitalist bosses are worried and urging us to become non-violent and go back to work peacefully into their Covid-19 gas chambers using the Nazi idea that ‘work will make you free’ (this was the sign at the entrance gate to Auschwitz). John Lewis, a Black politician has suddenly been elevated by former Presidents, Bush, Obama and Clinton, as a non-violent saint in one of the most spectacular, publicized funerals since President Roosevelt. While praising Lewis for his younger organizing civil rights efforts, one Black woman activist said that Lewis, however, like all politicians, had to limit his criticism of the system and that he was reprimanded and summoned to the Obama White House whenever his remarks got out of line.

When Malcolm X called for Black resistance to racial oppression, he was assassinated. When non-violence spokesman Martin Luther King supported striking Memphis sanitation workers and spoke out against the genocidal war in Vietnam, saying, “the U.S. is the greatest purveyor of violence in the world” he was also assassinated. During that time hundreds of U.S. cities like Watts in LA, Detroit, Newark and New York went up in flames and I remember a CHALLENGE headline saying, “Non-violence is Dead, Organize!”

Black slave labor built the U.S. economy and capitalism and today Black and Latin poverty wages produce depressed communities and endangered workers to keep it running. But capitalism is a cancer requiring increasing blood soaked profits from worldwide imperialist exploitation, poverty and occupation which U.S. workers in Portland and Seattle are now getting a gassy taste of from their own brothers in capitalist uniforms. The endless bombed out countries we see on TV are part of 100 nations dominated by taxpayer funding of over 800 U.S. military bases worldwide creating a picture of what capitalism has in store for U.S. cities that resist its terror.

Protesters must begin to handle the truth that capitalism creates racism, poverty, pandemics, profits before health and endless wars that only a communist party like Progressive Labor Party can organize to destroy. Join us!

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Multiracial caravan indicts racist profit system

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rebellious. The fight against racist police terror and the fight for justice for Kyam, like George Floyd and Breonna Taylor, is the fight of ALL workers Black, Asian, Latin and white. The capitalist bosses holding the leashes of their vicious kkkop attack dogs while planning deadlier imperialist wars fear communist-led multiracial working class unity the most, and that is precisely what PLP is fighting to build internationally.

Fight for justice for Kyam and revolution!

The fight for justice for Kyam and for revolution grows with every mass action like this car caravan and by bringing CHALLENGE to more and more workers each issue. The seven-year struggle for justice is far from over because the future of the international working class is bright: workers along our caravan route raised their fists and cheered on our efforts; drivers honked their horns and waved as we passed. Neighborhoods, job sites and schools we passed that have been sites of PL's struggles over the years are today's fertile ground where we yield recruits, fighters and supporters in our fight for communist revolution!✪



Antiracist rally: Liberal misleaders expose their capitalist allegiance

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So much for reconciliation. Kkkops defend the capitalist state, and the capitalists know a mass multiracial antiracist movement with communist ideas is the end of them. A PL'er spoke about her experiences growing up there and emphasized how imperialist war and racist police terror are essential to capitalism. She also emphasized how Black workers are key to smashing capitalism and directly attacked liberalism and identity politics. More Black capitalists or "representation" in the bosses' system isn't better for ANY workers, Black or white.

Connecting the Hudson Valley antiracist struggles with current PLP antiracist struggles in CUNY, she cited the intensifying racist super-exploitation of Black-majority custodial workers at Kingsborough Community College, which has a Black woman president — and the key importance of communist-led multiracial unity in fighting back.

After inviting the crowd to join the international PLP, the majority of the crowd and especially the multiracial youth present applauded. More than 150 CHALLENGEs were sold, and some approached PL'ers with extra donations and for discussions afterward.

...To be attacked is good

We then marched through the area neighborhoods, and the chants gained intensity and militancy. The youth marching in front picked up PLP chants attacking this racist system. When a racist heckled the march with a U.S. flag shouting "all lives matter," he was militantly drowned out. By the end, many contacts were made. Some had ties to the Bronx and New Jersey, and ideas for collaborating and connecting the city and tri-state area were shared.

Later, PL'ers discovered on social media that PLP and CHALLENGE were attacked by name by Chester United's liberal misleadership. These pathetic attacks show that when desperate for influence, liberal misleaders expose their capitalist and kkkop allegiance with anticommunism. They even attacked PL'ers as "outside agitators," despite some being from the area!

Turn the tide for communist revolution

For the sake of our class, we must continue to have a presence in these mass movements and agitate for revolution. While we made more contacts upstate where the chokehold of liberalism seems weaker, the masses at both actions (see box) were receptive to our politics. This demonstrates the importance of being bold with communist politics, because the masses are eager to hear revolutionary ideas. JOIN OUR FIGHT!✪



RED EYE ON THE NEWS . . .

Latin and indigenous workers, victims of U.S. first A-Bomb test

NYT, 7/15—When America detonated the world's first atomic bomb...on July 16, 1945, it...melted the sand of southern New Mexico...scattering radioactive material across the desert....

The fallout...floated over a thousand square miles and exposed thousands of families to radiation levels...10,000 times what is currently allowed...The Army was...willfully negligent about the fallout...It warned no residents, it ordered no evacuations. It maintained that the area...was safe, even when it knew it was not. So Americans went on living...[and] working in the fallout, eating from the dirty soil.Downwind of the blast, the infant mortality rate...spiked...Its first victims were American babies....Stories...reveal generations ravaged by nearly every cancer....

...The downwinders...were largely impoverished agricultural families, mostly Hispanic and Native [Americans]. New Mexico...[is the] cradle-to-grave nuclear industry, where weapons are designed, uranium is mined and waste is stored. This is "radioactive colonialism," with minority and impoverished communities forced to suffer the costs of the nuclear industry.

30 million workers collect unemployment benefits....

NYT, 7/24 —...A Census Bureau survey shows[s] that four million fewer people were employed last week than the week before....the fourth straight decline, suggesting that nearly all the job gains since mid-May have been erased.

... You're seeing all the wrong elements for recovery...."A deteriorating health situation, a weakening labor market and a softening path for demand...."

About 30 million people — roughly one in five American workers — are drawing jobless benefits. Without...the weekly federal supplement, the unemployed will be left with less money to pay for food, medical care, rent and other bills....

The stubbornly high rate of new unemployment claims "suggests that the nature of the downturn has changed....The setbacks on the job front may indicate something more fundamental....temporary business closings and layoffs would increasingly turn into permanent ones....

During the worst of the last recession, weekly unemployment insurance applications never exceeded 700,000. Since mid-March, new state claims have yet to fall below a million....People who had received no benefits after waiting months, or...had been inexplicably cut off....

In Oklahoma, hundreds of frustrated workers camped out overnight hoping to sort out delays with their unemployment claims....In Texas, applicants...complain of having been unable to reach the agency despite calling hundreds of times....

The pain of job losses can be found in every corner of the country, but Black men have had particular difficulties....The government's June jobs report showed...unemployment...rate for African-American males over 20 rose to 15.8 percent....

And one in four kids go hungry

NYT, 7/24 — Having multiple jobs is business as usual for millions of Americans. But many cobbled-together employment arrangements....have collapsed once the pandemic curbed or closed large swaths of the economy.

The economic shock quickly exposed the mismatch between the reality of making a living in 2020 America and the systems built to protect workers. People who rely on paychecks from different employers are already more likely to have shifting schedules and unpredictable weekly paychecks, low hourly wages and the absence of benefits like sick days and health insurance. They are more likely to be Black [and] young....

And when hard times hit, they are excluded from regular state unemployment benefits....Millions of Americans and their families have lost health insurance tied to their jobs. More than one in four households with children don't have enough to eat....

"What we have been discovering is that the B.L.S.[Bureau of Labor Statistics] numbers are just not telling the whole story...."

...As much as 16 percent of the American workforce — more than 26 million people — depend on multiple jobs for income. Adam Ozimek, chief economist at Upwork...argues that the total is even higher — that 35 percent of workers do some sort of freelancing over the course of a year... "[But] you may not have lost your main job, but you have lost your secondary job and you can't file an unemployment claim for it....You're suffering financially, but there's no other way of making that up."

Transit workers dying, testing positive for virus

NYT, 7/27 — When the coronavirus engulfed New York, it pummeled the transit workforce. So far, 131 transit workers have died from the virus and over 4,000 have tested positive, making [it]...one of the hardest-hit...in New York.

For many, the pandemic has left an indelible mark. Pan Chen, a bus driver, moved out of his family's home for months to shield his wife and children. Sally Lutchman, a train conductor, worried that she might have infected her husband, who was infected with Covid-19 for months. Cesar, Torres, a second-generation bus operator, watched his father die.Now, as riders trickle back, these workers are facing the prospect of a second wave — even as they are coping with the trauma from the peak of the outbreak.

Communism scares U.S. rulers for centuries

NYT, 7/19 [Book Review] — Americans intervened both covertly and overtly to try to overthrow the Bolsheviks from 1917 to 1920 [ed. note: to 1925]. The United States intelligence-gathering organization established inside Soviet Russia [begin] in 1918. Intervention took many forms, including covert financial and military aid to anti-Bolshevik forces as well as military operations.

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The increasing threat of war between the U.S. and Chinese bosses is putting tremendous pressure on the U.S. ruling class to move rapidly towards fascism in the U.S (see Editorial, page 2). The use of federal police to attack protesters in Portland has brought the rise of fascism to the fore. Many people are hoping that electing presidential candidate Joe Biden and putting the liberal politicians at the helm of the Democratic Party back in control of the White House will stave off fascism. But the liberal bosses backing the Democrats are the biggest and most desperate section of a divided U.S. ruling class and will, themselves, move towards fascism as they become more desperate in the face of an increasingly volatile world situation. Electing Biden or the Democrats will not spare the working class. The only path forward as capitalism sinks deeper into crisis is the fight for communist revolution.

Fascism is the future of U.S. capitalism

Fascism arises as the crisis between the imperialists is driving the capitalists to prepare for war by forcing discipline onto their own ranks and the working class. The Big Fascist U.S. bosses are no longer the dominant power they have been and can no longer rule in the old way. The Big Fascists are the main wing of the ruling class centered within finance capital. They include big banks like JP Morgan Chase and major industries like Exxon Mobil with massive international interests. They are being challenged around the globe and losing.

To try to hold onto their position, the bosses use fascism to try to gain control of internal struggle between factions of the ruling class, to discipline members of their own class, and force the working class to accept and unite with the bosses around economic and political preparations for war. Under these pressures the capitalist class resorts to the tools of fascism, mainly crushing dissent within their own ranks and among the working class to achieve their needs, while still trying to ensure some degree of popular support from workers to fight and die in massive imperialist war.

The Big Fascists are likely to crush the Small Fascists

The Small Fascists, represented by the Koch, De Vos and Mercer families among others, acquired their wealth through domestically centered industries including domestic energy interests in oil and natural gas. They're style of fascism

relies on a predominantly white racist base and is less concerned with the anger and division it generates with masses of workers. Their approach is to rely on a smaller, whiter military while defending a shrinking empire. They rely on old style KKK racism to build a movement to overthrow the Big Fascists. Trump and his Small Fascist backers are and will brutally attack the working class should they stay in control of the White House, but they are most likely going to lose to the Big bosses who are building their own kind of fascism.

The Big Fascists are trying to create conditions that will allow them to build a large multi-racial military that will fight and die in a war with China and/or other big imperialists. The Big Fascist liberals are willing to crush dissent among the working class. From the day of George Floyd's murder in May the mass uprising of multi-racial protesters was met by overwhelming police assault under the direction of liberal mayors from Minneapolis to Atlanta to Chicago, New York and Portland. These liberals pay minor lip service to police reforms, while backing the cops who attack protesters. But they also realize that they need Black and Latin workers to go along with a military draft and accept large numbers of casualties without rebelling.

The Big Fascists are having enormous trouble disciplining members within their own wing of capitalists to build that kind of fascist society. Many of the capitalists are absorbed in accumulating personal wealth and not in the broader needs of the ruling class. To get ready for war the Big Fascists need to make major societal changes. They have to get the healthcare industry to give up much of its profits to get better at keeping the working class minimally healthy. The real estate bosses must try to limit their greed and undo some of the racist segregation in neighborhoods and schools that drive up property values.

Likewise, the Tech industry must go along with the war needs of the Big Fascists to control the in-

ternet and stop taking money from the Small Fascists and the Chinese and Russian bosses. Once the Democrats took control of the House of Representatives in the 2018 election, they launched an offensive to reign in these undisciplined capitalists. The four tech giants Jeff Bezos of Amazon, the richest man in the world worth \$181 billion, Tim Cook of Apple, worth \$625 million, Mark Zuckerberg of Facebook worth \$86 billion and Sundar Pichai of Google worth \$1.2 billion appeared at a House hearing (NYT 7/31). They were being investigated under anti-trust laws as monopolies that could be broken into smaller companies but the real goal is to bring them into the Big Fascists' control.

Big Fascists are the greater danger

The Big Fascists understand that they need to win the widest possible base of support within the working class. The creation of an enormous military requires the participation of Black, Latin and Immigrant as well as white men and women workers. Currently over 60 percent of the military is white and at higher ranks the number increases to 80 percent (CFR, 7/13). Extensively integrating the military is a strategic necessity of the Big Fascists in order to win popular support for war.

Hence we see the recent move by the Department of Defense, in direct opposition to Donald Trump and the Little Fascists, to ban the Confederate flag from all military bases; the decision to rename all military bases currently named after Confederate generals with names of loyal generals; and the apology by Commander of the Joints Chief of Staff General Mark Milley and Department of Defense head Mark Esper for their part in the call up of military forces to Washington, DC in June (WP, 6/11). Their message is clear – the U.S. military will not be used to advance the cause of the Small Fascists as they have larger needs for the blood and toil of our class.

The bosses build for war, we must build for communist revolution

Capitalism in crisis is trying to scare and coerce our class to fight for one side or the other. The only way we can fight for our interests as the working class is by building an international, revolutionary, communist movement to overthrow capitalism and build a society that serves the needs of the workers of the world. Progressive Labor Party is building that movement.☺

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